The Government of West Bengal has prepared a perspective plan at a total cost of Rs. 750 crores indicating long term and short terms measures to tackle arsenic contamination. The replacement of tubewells by deeper ones, construction of new piped water supply schemes and construction of Sanitary Protected Wells and Rain Water harvesting Structures for immediate relief and establishment of surface water based Piped Water Supply Schemes, tupewell based new Piped Water Supply Schemes, establishing new spot sources for solving the problem on a long term basis are some of the salient features of the Perspective Plan.

Funds for Urban Employment

1825. SHRI THENNALA BALAK-RISHN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted for urban employment during the last year, State-wise;

(b) the amount utilised for the purpose; State-wise; and

(c) the total number of beneficiaries, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESHWARLU): (a) Two Centrally sponsored urban employment schemes, viz. Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY), and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) are being implemented in the country. The funds released to different States during 1995-96 under NRY and PMI UPEP are shown in statement-I and statement-II respectively *(See* below).

(b) and (c) The State-wise utilisation of funds and number of beneficiaries are as under:—

(i) NRY as per statement III *(See* below).

(ii) PMIUPEP: the PMIUPEP has been launched in November, 1995 and the programme is still largely in a preparatory-stage involving conduct of surveys, preparation of town-wise project reports, etc. In all five million urban poor are targeted to benefit during the five year period ending 1999-2000.

Statement-I

(Nehru Rogar Yojana (NRY)
Statement Showing the Release of Funds During 1995-96

S1. No.	State/UT	Funds released (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	463.50
2.	Bihar	471.45
3.	Gujarat	215.90
4.	Haryana	111.99
5.	Karnataka	252.06
6.	Kerala	154.60
7.	Madhya Pradesh	508.25
8.	Maharashtra	521.33
9.	Orissa	156.60
10.	Punjab	105.60
11.	Rajasthan	330.37
12.	Tamil Nadu	563.49
13.	Uttar Pradesh	1138.89
14.	West Bengal	441.00
15.	Goa	18.30
16.	Arunchal Pradesh	57.20
17.	Assam	147.20
18.	Himachal Pradesh	66.15
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	77.88
20.	Manipur	62.91
21.	Meghalaya	31.80
22.	Mizoram	27.58
23.	Nagaland	3.50
24.	Sikkim	28.46
25.	Tripura	26.41
26.	A & N Islands	16.70
27.	Chandigarh	12.03
28.	D & N Haveli	9.65
29.	Daman & Diu	22.60
30.	Pondicherry	18.60
31.	Delhi	22.00
	Total	6084.00

Statement II

Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Pot verty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) Statement Showing the of Funds During 96

S1. No.	State/UT	Funds release (Rs. in lakhs)
I.	Andhra Pradesh	980.58
2.	Bihar	819.37
3.	Gujarat	583.59
4.	Haryana	183.03
5.	Karnataka	634.59
6.	Kerala	263.20
7.	Madhya Pradesh	772.87
8.	Maharashtra	948.60
9.	Orissa	269.17
10.	Punjab	306.30
a.	Rajasthan	506.27
12.	Tamil Nadu	1046.37
13.	Uttar Pradesh	1584.74
14	West Bengal	679.43
15	Goa	90.00
16	Arunachal Pradesh	68.11
17	Assam	265.94
18	Himachal Pradesh	87.57
19	Jammu & Kashmir	136.22
20	Manipur	48.65
21	Meghalaya	38.92
22	Mizoram	19.46
23	Nagaland	108.65
24	Sikkim	38.92
25	Tripura	19.45
26	A & N Islands	50.00
27	Chandigarh*	—
28	D & N Haveli *	—
29	Daman & Diu *	—
30	Pondicherry	30.00
31	Delhi*	
	Total	10580.00

* NOT COVERED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

Statement III

Nehru Rozgar Yojana Statewise Utilisation, of funds and number of beneficiaries Under Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (S.U.M.E.) 1995-96

S1. No.	State/UT	Funds Utilised (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Andhra Pradesh	317.88	5701
2.	Bihar	214.07	14026
3.	Gujarat	50.04	1349
4.	Haryana	5.24	1725
5.	Karnataka	49.12	—
6.	Kerala	44.54	1282
7.	Madhya Pradesh	708.37	16019
8.	Maharashtra	207.97	10641
9.	Orissa	86.42	6223
10.	Punjab	61.53	2133
11.	Rajasthan	212.84	9415
12.	Tamil Nadu	155.21	9857
13.	Uttar Pradesh	825.05	24893
14.	West Bengal	597.04	17567
15.	Goa	8.22	10
16.	Arunchal Pradesh	19.59	—
17.	Assam	33.85	—
18.	Himachal Pradesh	29.18	1334
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	79.58	1489

S1. No.	State/UT	Funds Utilised (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of beneficiaries
20.	Manipur	13.98	146
21.	Meghalaya	9.43	40
22.	Mizoram	25.34	
23.	Nagaland	38.55	310
24.	Sikkim		
25.	Tripura	4.34	22
26.	A & N Islands		102
27.	Chandigarh D & N	(-) 1.88	135
28.	Haveli	1.45	37
29.	Daman & Diu	8.18	213
30.	Pondicherry	3.99	211
31.	Delhi		
	Total	3860.12	125308

Population covered with drinking water and sanitation facilities

1826. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population, both rural and urban, covered with drinking water and sanitation facilities in 1985, 1990 and 1995;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to improve sanitation facilities in the rural areas; and

(c) how far NGOs are being involved to assist in this sphere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHAN-DRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Information regarding the percentage of population both Rural and urban covered with drinking water and sanitation facilities is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(b) The various steps taken by Government to improve sanitation faciliteis in the rural areas include subsidy for construction of invididual household latrines conversion of dry latrines into sanitary latrines for the households below the poverty line, exclusive sanitation complexes for women, setting up of sanitary marts for supply of materials required for sanitation facilities, developing model sanitation villages with total sanitation facilities for demonstration and replication. Activities for creation of demand based on felt need, health education and awareness campaigns for change of knowledge, attitudes and practices are also taken up to motivate people above poverty line to take up Sanitation Facilities without Government subsidy.

(c) Out of the total provision of Rs.60 crore for Centrally Sponsored Rural Sani-tatoin Programme for 1996-97, Rs.10.30 crore is earmarked for implementation through the NGOs.